

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**DC KICKS OFF MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF  
“MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH” WITH *MAY 11* CEREMONY  
HONORING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH**

(Washington, DC) Starting with the May 11 opening celebration, the District of Columbia is observing May is Mental Health Month by saluting consumers of mental health services and the family members, community-based organizations, and government agencies that contribute to their recovery from mental illness. Each event is being held in a Hot Spot, to focus attention on how sound mental health contributes to crime reduction and promotes community wellness. The full calendar is attached. For assistance with covering these activities, please call Linda Grant, Department of Mental Health public affairs specialist, at (202) 673-1937.

- Opening Celebration, **Tuesday, May 11, 11:30 a.m.**, Covenant Baptist Church, 3845 S. Capitol Street, S.W., in Ward 8. Barbara Harrison, morning anchor at NBC4, is the emcee. Awards will be given to family members, mental health service providers and community-based organizations that have made significant contributions to children's and youth mental health. Police officers will receive a special youth training award and a reception and multi-agency exhibit round out this event.
- Youth vs. Adults Basketball Game, **Tuesday, May 18, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**, Kennedy Recreation Center, 7th and P Streets, N.W.
- 1st Annual Dinner & Consumer Awards Program, “Victory, Hope and Unlimited Possibilities”, **Thursday, May 20, 6 p.m.** Washington Navy Yard, to celebrate consumers of mental health services recovery and the people and organizations who contributed to their success.
- **Mayor Williams** will participate in the Walk-a-Thon in Ward 7, **Saturday, May 22, starting at 11 a.m.** at the Deanwood Metro station and culminating at the IDEA Public Charter School, 1027 45th Street, NE. There will be a community fair at the IDEA Public Charter School.

## Mental Health Month Calendar

Saturday, May 1	Community Academy Public Charter School, <b>Health and Wellness Fair</b> , 1300 Allison Street, NW, 10 am until 3 pm, 202-723-6867
Tuesday, May 4	Hillcrest Children's Center, <b>Open House and Reception</b> , 1325 W Street, NW, 4 pm until 7 pm, Anita Shelton, 202-232-6100 <i>*Every Tuesday in May free mental health &amp; mini screens for children/youth referrals.</i>
Thursday, May 6	<b>ANC 5B Meeting</b> , Washington Center for Aging Services, 2601 18 <sup>th</sup> Street, NE, 7 pm, 202-673-1931
Friday, May 7	Hillcrest Children's Center, Family Advocacy and Support Association, <b>March for Mental Health</b> , Tiger Marching Band of Anthony Bowen YMCA March & Motorcade, 12 & Rhode Island Avenue, NE, 7 pm Anita Shelton, 202-232-6100
Friday, May 7	<b>Moten Elementary School Health Fair</b> , Moten Elementary School, 1565 Morris Road, SE, 9:00 am, Nurse Baylock, 202-698-1206
Friday, May 7	Institute for Mental Health Ministry, Inc., <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference "Comfort My People"</b> , College of Notre Dame, 4701 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD, 8 am until 3:30 pm, 410-752-7940, <a href="http://www.inhm.com">www.inhm.com</a>
Friday, May 7	Ward 2 Neighborhood Services Core Team outreach effort for youth who violate curfew, <b>Curfew-N-Courts Program</b> , Kennedy Recreation Center, 9 pm until
Tuesday, May 11	NAMI DC, <b>Adult Support Group</b> , Howard University, 530 College Street, NW, 6 pm until 8 pm, 202-546-0646
Tuesday, May 11	DMH/DC CINGS, <b>Mental Health Month Opening Ceremony w/exhibits</b> , Barbara Harrison Mistress of Ceremonies, Covenant Baptist Church, 3845 South Capitol St., SW, 11:30 am, 202-562-5576
Wednesday, May 12	Mental Health Association of the District of Columbia, <b>Annual Conference &amp; 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition</b> , Howard University, Blackburn Center, Washington, DC, 9 am until 2 pm, <a href="http://www.mhadc.org">www.mhadc.org</a>
Thursday, May 13	<b>Career Day</b> , Raymond Elementary School, 915 Spring Road, NW, 9:30 am, Betty Jean Hall, 202-567-6236
Friday, May 14	DMH/SEH/SEMA, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Conference (Atypical Anti-Psychotics; Mechanism of Action/EPS Diagnosis and Treatment Training)</b> , St. Elizabeths Chapel, 2700 MLK Ave, SE, 8:30 am until 12:30 pm, Ms. Butler, 202-645-8452
Saturday, May 15	DMH/DC CINGS, <b>"Break Free" Empowerment Workshops</b> , Richard England Boys' and Girls' Club, 4103 Benning Road, NE, 11 am until 2 pm, 202-671-2983
Tuesday, May 18	DMH/DC CINGS, <b>Youth Basketball Game</b> , Kennedy Recreation Center, 7 <sup>th</sup> and P Streets, NW, 4:30 pm- 7:30 pm 202-671-2983
Thursday, May 20	DMH/CSA, <b>1st Annual Dinner &amp; Consumer Awards Program</b> , "Victory, Hope and Unlimited Possibilities", Washington Navy Yard, 6 pm, 202-698-2389 or 698-2386, \$20
Saturday, May 22	DMH/DC CINGS Family Event, <b>Ward 7 Walk-a-Thon</b> , IDEA Public Charter School, 1027 45th Street, NE, 11 am until 3 pm, 202-671-2983
Monday, May 24	<b>ANC 2D Meeting</b> , 2121 Decatur Street, NW, 7:30 pm, 673-1931